

ETHICS COMMISSION NOMINATING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
MAY 29TH, 2021
HELD VIA ZOOM

Present:

Mary Ellen Rhoderick, League of Women's Voters, Chair
Lucy Hogan, All Saints Church
Doug Jones, Ethics Commission
Roger Smith, DC Rotary Club
Susan Rovin, League of Women Voters, non participating secretary

- I. The meeting of the Frederick County Ethics Commission Nominating Committee was called to order at 9:00 AM by chair Ms Rhoderick. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Ms. Hogan and seconded by Mr. Jones. The motion was unanimously approved.
- II. Ms Rhoderick reviewed the nominating procedure and indicated that there were 3 vacancies to be filled.
- III. Vote to go into closed session.

MOTION: Ms. Hogan moved at 9:05 to go into closed session to interview candidates for the Ethics Commission. Mr. Jones seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. The meeting was closed under General provisions Art.3-305(b)(1) "to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction."

- IV. Vote to return to public session.

MOTION: Mr Jones moved to return to public session. Ms. Hogan seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

- V. Candidate one is very well informed on the contents of the Frederick County Ethics Ordinance. He has taught history and civics in the FCPS where he has also served as a member of the FCBOE. This is a non partisan position to which he was elected. He was a chief negotiator between the FCBOE and FC Teachers Union. He frequently referred to the importance of teamwork and that he takes confidentiality very seriously. Issues before the Ethics Commission need to be heard with an open mind. Existing rules and regulations, as they apply to to any issue, take precedence in making decisions. He indicated that he felt that issues involving social media and anonymous vs signed complaints need to be addressed in the Ethics Ordinance.

Candidates two and three are incumbents. They have both been active and effective in their participation on the Commission and would like to continue to serve.

All three candidates have agreed to complete a current financial disclosure and none have plans to run for political office. The ongoing training/education work of the Commission was

described to the candidates and all expressed time and interest in support for that work.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

MOTION: Mr. Jones moved and Ms. Jones seconded that candidates two and three be appointed to regular positions and that candidate one be appointed as an alternate to the Commission. The motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Smith moved and Ms. Hogan seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Rovin
League of Women's Voters